By Paul Leland Haworth

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Of the fathers of the republic to whom the rural life appealed none was more enthusiastic than George Washington. A good soldler and a wise statesman in the eyes of the world, he resarded himself as primarily a farmer. And he was a good one. The fact that barrels of flour stamped "George Washington, Mount Vernon." were exempt from inspection in West India ports was a distinction of which he was prouder than he was of his many political and milliary honors.

Late in life he wrote to a friend: "I think with you, that the life of a husbandman is the most delectable. It is honorable, it is amusing, and, with judicious management, it is profitable. To see plants rise from the earth and flourish by the superior skill and bounty of the laborer fills a contemplative mind with ideas which are more easy to be conceived than expressed."

The earliest Washington coat of arms had blazoned upon it "3 cinque folis," which was the herald's way of saying that the bearer owned land and was a farmer. When Washington made a book plate he added to the oid design spears of wheat and other plants, to indicate what he once called "the most favorite amusement of my life." Evidently he had no fear of being called a "hayseed."

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From his father Washington inherited 280 acres of land on the Rappahaunock. In 1748 he patented 550 acres in Frederick county—"My bullskin plantation," he always called it. The death of his half-brother Lawrence's infant heir gave him Mount Vernon, which then contained 2500 acres. His marriage with the relict of Daniel Parke Custis brought him not only a charming wife, but also "fifteen thousand acres of land, a good part of it adjoining the city of Williamsburg; several lots in sald city; between two and three hundred negroes, and about eight or ten thousand pounds upon bond." The death from "fits" of his stepdaughter, Patsy Custis, in 1773 added 10,000 pounds more.

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Washington's marriage was not the only exemplification in his career of the iruth of the backwoods adage that "them that has gits." By military bounty for services in the French and Indian war, he received 15,000 acres of western lands, and he bought the rights to about as much more. He added to Mount Vernon by purchase until that estate contained about 8000 acres, of which 3500 were under cultivation. He also engaged in numerous land speculations, and had lots in Washington, Alexandria, and other towns. Exclusive of this town property and that of his wife, he owned at the time of his death 51,395 acres, and was probably the plutocrat of America. All, however, had been acquired honestly.

Description of Mount Vernon.

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In old English days no one could hope to attain much of a position in the world unless he was the owner of land. In fact, until the passage of the great reform bill in 1822 a man could not even yote unless he held land worth to shillings a year. Today the English gentry atlih have their country places, where they spend most of their time, enjoying an open-air existence that keeps them in the prime of life at an age when the average American is a worn out wreck.

In colonial days and during the earlier part of our national period similar conditions obtained in this country. In 1790 there were only six cities with a population of \$500, and Philadelphia, the largest, was not as big as the modern Oshkosh With industrial development, a great movement to the cities set in; country life fell into disrepute; dwellers in rural districts became the butts of choap humor. Of late, happily, the pendulum shows some disposition to swing the other way. Americans are again recognizing the truth of the half-foregotten saying that "God made the country and man the town." The new movement means a decrease in the sale of liver pills, but also greater sanity and the living of a normal human existence.

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Doubtless this marriage, in which Washington did as the Quaker in Tennyson's "Northern Farmer" advises, had much to do with forwarding his subsequent career. Without the assistance it afforded he might never have become the Father of His Country.

"Now wha' would ye ha' bin had ye na marrit the widow Custis." asked crusty old John Burns of the president of the United States when the latter was laying out the future capital of the country.

Washington's more and about eight tables of rotations of experiments, diffres and tables of rotations of crops. The diarres were continued many years, and in them he noted such details as the times of planting, cultivating, the gathering of rops, the quality of the product, the amount of labor, etc. So far as is known the last passage ever written by him is the following entry in his diary: "31st (December, 1799).—Morning snowing, and about three inches deep. Wind at northeest, and mercury at 30. Continued snowing until 1 o'clock, and in the same place, but not hard. Mercury 28 at night."

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When away from home acting as commander of the army or as president, washington perforce had to leave the direct management of his estate to others. But he kept in close touch with everything by means of detailed weekly reports from his managers and wrote them careful directions every Sunday. If a fence needed repairing if a gully needed filling, if Sam, or Jack, or Postillion Joe, was sick or lazy, directions were quickly forwarded that admitted of no mistake. Failure on the part of a manager to remit a weekly report was deemed a grievous fault and not to be tolerated. These reports were sent in both by the general manager and also by each overseer of the various farms into which Mit. Vernon was divided. They were so schemed as to show how every negro's and hired laborer's time had been employed, what crops had been employed, what crops had been planted or gathered, and other details. In order that Washington might better be able to understand the charges for labor performed, each report was prefaced with a meteorological table giving the weather for each day.

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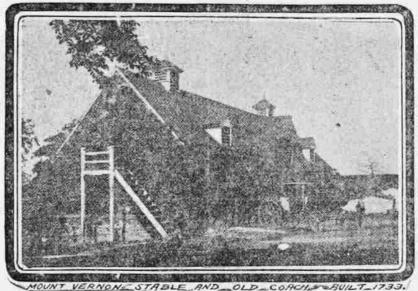
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Notwithstanding his patience was often sorely tried, and the picture he draws of slavery from the master's standpoint is a dark one. Thieving was so common that he dared not leave his wine unlocked that he dared not leave his wine unlocked even for his guests, and hogs, sheep and other four-legged property were constantly disappearing. 'I have such an opinion of my negroes (two or three excepted)." he wrote, "that I am perfectly sure there is not a single thing that can be disposed of at any price." * * that is not stolen." Lazy Negroes.

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Though a just master, he was impatient at shirking or laziness. There was enough of this to try the patience of a Job. Of his negro carpenters he once wrote: "There is not to be found so idle a set of rascals. * * To make even a chicken-coop would employ all of them a week." "What kind of sickness is Betty Davis's" he asks a little later. "A more lazy, deceitful, and impudent huzzy is not to be found in the United States." "Doll at the Ferry must be taught to knit, and made to do a sufficient day's work of it," he instructed his manager on another occasion. "Otherwise (if suffered to be idle) many more will walk in

should consult Paul Leicester Ford's freeing all his slaves on the death of his "The True George Washington." wife. "To emancipate them during her . "To emancipate them during her would, the sarnestly wished by be attended with such insuperable culties, on account of their intermix-

> His Final Ambition. Washington welcomed the end of his presidency as a school boy does his vacation, and he lost no time in leaving th sent of government. To Oliver Wolcott

he wrote soon after:

"To make and sell a little flour annually, to repair houses going fast to ruin, to build one for the security of my papers of a public character, and to amuse myself in agricultural and rural pursuits will constitute." pursuits, will constitute employment for the next few years I have to remain on this terrestrial globe. If, siso, I could now and then meet the friends I exteem, it would fill the measure and add zest to my enjoyment; but if this ever hap-pens, it must be under my own vine and fig-tree, as I do not think it probable that I shall go beyond twenty miles from them."

To another friend he wrote that he began his "diurnal course with the sun." and, if his birelings were not in place by that time he sent "them messages of sorrow for their indisposition." Having set the wheels of the estate in motion and attended to other matters, he breakfasted. "This being over, I mount my horse and ride round my farms, which amploys me until it is time for dinner at which I rarely miss seeing strange faces, come, as they say, out of respect for me, to teach must have the specified qualiwhich I rarely miss seeing strange faces, come, as they say, out of respect for me. Pray, would not the word curiosity answer as well? And how different this from having a few social friends at a cheerful board! The usual time of sitting at table, a walk, and tea, bring me within the dawn of candle light; previous to which, if not prevented by company. I resolve that, as soon as the slimmering taper supplies the place of the great luminary. I will retire to my writing table and acknowledge the letters I have received, but when the lights are brought I feel thred and disinclined to engage in this work, conceiving that the next night comes, and with it the same causes of postponement, and so on. * * I have not looked into a book since I came of postponement, and so on. * * * I have not looked into a book since I came

A visitor at Mount Vernon in 1798 records that Washington "often works with the men himself—strips off his cont and labors like a common man. The general has a great turn for mechanics. It's astonishing with what niceness he directs everything in the building way, condescending even to measure the things himself, that all may be perfectly uniform."

An English actor named John Bernard, who happened to be in Virginia in 1798, has left us a delightfully intimate picture of an episode in this period of Washington's life. Bernard had ridden out below Alexandria to pay a visit and on his return came upon an overturned chalse, containing a man and a woman About the same time another horseman rode up from the opposite direction. The two quickly ascertained that the man was unhurt, and managed to restore the wife to consciousness, whereupon she be-

heat and then "offered very courteously,"
says Bernard, "to dust my cont, a favor
the return of which enabled me to take
a deliberate survey of his person."
The stranger then called Bernard by
name, saying that he had seen him play
in Philadelphia, and asked him to accompany him to his house and rest, at
the same time pointing out a mansion
on a distant hill. Not till then did Bernard realize with whom he was speaking. "Mount Vernon!" he exclaimed.
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QUESTIONS AND

man no one better enjoyed riding to the hounds, fishing, hunting, dancing and the many other delights of that wonderful old Virginia life. In the hunting season he kept open house for weeks at a time, and Mrs. Washington delighted to superintend the preparation of delectable dishes to set before the hungry hunters. His diary is full of such passages as: "Went a hunting with Jacky Custis and catched a fox."

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ANSWERS

Salt Lake City, Feb. 12 Who was the captain of the Black was war at Fort Sanford in 1866 and 1867? Please answer as soon as pos-tible and oblige. W. H. B. We do not find any account of Fort Sanford in any of the books on Utan

Salt Lake City, Feb. 18. Would you answer in your Sunday oper: Is Miss Alice Lloyd, who has paper: Is allies Allie Lloyd, who har been at the Orpheum this week, a sister or a daughter to Miss Marie Lloyd, the London vaudeville artiste? and oblige, MRS, V. M. GIBBONEY. She is a sister of Miss Marie Lloyd

Salt Lake City, Feb. 17. Will you kindly tell me in next Sun day's issue whether a polographic will—that is, one written entirely in his own hand, by the testator—needs witnesses? I will be greatly obliged for the information. for the information

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Prove City, Utah, Feb. 11.
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TOLD IN FEW WORDS.

Plans for starting in every state of the union branch organizations to pro-mote uniform legislation have been con-cluded in New York. The work is to be conducted simultaneously from five cen-ters.

ing an estate valued at \$1,000,000. dead son's widow is the defendant. The first payment under the new cor-poration tax law was tendered to Inter-nal Revenue Collector Anderson of New York Saturday. It was a check for \$125, accompanied by blanks carefully filled out to show that this was the amount due from the corporation.

An old statute of Kansas which empowers county officials with authority to call out all men, women and children from 12 to 65 years old to fight noxious insects may be invoked this summer when the chintz bug, the great destroyer of growing corn, makes its appearance in Kansas.

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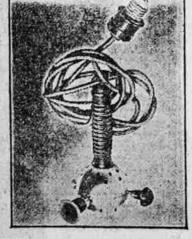
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